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SUBJECT: NATO 1979 DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM
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SUMMARY: THE 1979 NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP/
SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD IN OBERAMMERGAU GERMANY JAN 10 -
JAN 17, 1979. THE GENERAL THEME FOR BOTH PROGRAMS WILL
BE LONG TERM DEFENSE PLANNING. THE FORMAT WILL BE
SIMILAR TO 1978 WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM. ACTION REQUESTED:
SEE PARAS 3 AND 5. END SUMMARY.

1. THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS STARTED WORK ON THE
1979 NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP (10 JAN TO 12 JAN)
AND SYMPOSIUM (15 JAN TO 17 JAN) - BOTH AT THE NATO
WEAPONS SCHOOL AT OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY. THE ARRANGEMENTS,
ORGANIZATION AND FORMAT WILL GENERALLY BE THE SAME AS
THE 1978 WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM.

2. THE PROPOSED THEME FOR THE SYMPOSIUM IS NATO LONG TERM
DEFENSE PLANNING. THE FIRST MORNING (15 JANUARY) WILL BE
RESERVED FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION. THE IS PROPOSES THREE
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SPEAKERS FOR THE FIRST MORNING, TO EXPLORE THE SUBJECT
FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES, INTERNATIONAL
MILITARY AUTHORITIES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF
FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON PANEL DISCUSSION.

3. ON THE SECOND DAY (16 JANUARY), THE PROGRAM WILL BE
BUILT AROUND AN ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE, MUCH AS AIR DEFENSE

PROGRAM WAS USED AS AN EXAMPLE OF A LONG RANGE PROGRAM LAST YEAR. THE EXAMPLE TO BE USED FOR THIS SYMPOSIUM WILL BE ANTI-ARMOR PLANNING. THE IS WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. SEYMOUR DEITCHMAN OF IDA TO LEAD OFF THE PROGRAM WITH A DISCUSSION OF ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES USED FOR THE ANTI-ARMOR PLANNING. THE IS ALSO HAS REQUESTED A SPEAKER FROM THE NMA'S TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW AND FOR ASYG WALSH, OR SOMEONE FROM DEFENSE SUPPORT, TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF ANTI-ARMOR SYSTEMS. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON PANEL DISCUSSION.

4. THE THIRD DAY (HALF DAY) WILL BE A PANEL DISCUSSION OF LONG RANGE PLANNING, WITH THE PANEL SELECTED FROM THE MORE SENIOR PERSONS ATTENDING THE SYMPOSIUM.

5. THE GENERAL THEME PROPOSED FOR THE WORKSHOP IS TECHNIQUES APPLIED IN LONG TERM PLANNING, WITH TWO SUB TOPICS - SELECTED PLANNING METHODOLOGIES, AND THE IMPACT OF MODERN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS ON LONG TERM PLANNING. PLANNING FOR THE WORKSHOP PROGRAM IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, AND STILL MAY BE CHANGED AS THINKING EVOLVES. THE IS HAS ASKED US TO PROVIDE A LIST OF PROPOSED TOPICS AND SPEAKERS FROM WHICH TWO OR THREE US PARTICIPANTS MAY BE SELECTED. SOME SUBJECTS SUGGESTED ARE "THE ROLE OF ANALYTICAL STUDIES IN NATO"

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AND "NATIONAL TECHNIQUES USED FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT". REQUEST A MATCHING OF TOPIC AND SPEAKER. GLITMAN

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